

**Salmon Creek Basin Public Meeting
September 25, 2003
Shorewood Elementary School**

Public – 4 participants

KC and Partner Agency staff – 8 participants

Meeting Questions/Discussion Items/Comments from the Public

Question about the fish productivity terminology – are the numbers quoted “spawners” or “fish produced” in the system.

Many local residents don’t even know that Salmon Creek exists in their neighborhood – which can be good or bad. It’s not bothered, but it’s also not protected.

Public participant perception is that Salmon Creek is in pretty good shape – maybe because it is unknown.

One participant attended court hearings to get the culvert(s) under Shorewood Drive enlarged. One participant present was under the impression that the culvert was initially installed improperly (by King County), and that is why it has become a problem.

Public members asked if we were looking at Shorewood Drive culvert replacement in addition to looking at culvert retrofits.

What are the diameter, length, and grade of this culvert?

Several participants noted that there are very inviting walking/hiking trails along Salmon Creek.

City of Burien staff asked the public participants how successful they thought stewardship efforts would likely be. The public members present thought that citizens would be very likely to get involved and to help do things in the basin if they see evidence that their efforts would be beneficial. Steve Clark (City of Burien Public Works Director) gave his card to the public participants that were present.

The public members present thought others would get involved if they realized that their help was needed.

The Shorewood on the Sound Community Club is a likely group to engage to get citizen involvement. Schools are another potentially effective outreach mechanism.

The City of Burien has purchased some property at/near Seahurst Park and is working to restore this area.

How do citizens get involved? What is the timeline, and what are the opportunities for citizen involvement/participation?

A public participant asked whether the partners had considered preparing two separate plans rather than combining Salmon with Miller and Walker. Will a combined plan be more difficult to get adopted if an agency has interests in one of the basins but not the others?

There was a discussion about field sitings of muddy water downstream of the Southwest Suburban Sewer District plant, and follow-up activities that field or partner agency staff took to investigate this. The plant was not confirmed as the source of the dirty water, but there might be plant maintenance activities that contribute dirty looking water to the Creek on occasion, based on discussions with plant staff. There was a silt tank rinse out that may have corresponded with the field trip timing, and that may have caused the dirty water.

One public participant present at this meeting was surprised to hear the information above, because Southwest Suburban has retrofitted their plant in the Miller basin to increase recycling and reduce any negative impacts from plant operations and/or maintenance activities, and is very proud of their improvements.

There was a concern from public participants that the project team's "perception of historical conditions" may not be accurate, and that historical societies should be conferred with to ensure the accuracy of historical conditions.

There was concern that the public meeting advertisement had not been adequate, and that more effort should go into advertising future events. Some suggested mechanisms for outreach are –
Shorewood on the Sound Community Club
Local schools
White Center News
Seattle Times and or P-I

It was noted that the Highline Times had been used to advertise this event, as well as several City of Burien events, and a City of Burien Press Release.